TWO CENTS.

Southern States.

500 PERSONS INJURED

Property Loss Runs to Hundreds rived at the hotel to-night. He will of Thousands.

WIRES ALL BLOWN DOWN

Terrific Storms Devastate Whole Sections of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama - Relief Trains Rushed to the Aid of Stricken Localities, but Few Heard from So Far-Many Buildings, as Well as Houses and Tenements. Suffer.

dead, 500 injured, and property loss amounting into the hundreds of thou-

been re-established with the stormstricken districts, and only the most meager details, coupled with the wildest

reports, are obtainable Relief trains have started from several points to the devastated region, but it is not likely that the relief parties can send

out any definite information before morn-List of Towns.

The stricken towns, together with the number of dead and injured, according to present information, follows: Albertville, Ala.-Thirty-five killed and seventy-five

dead and many injured.

Hattiesburg, Miss.-Nine dead and many hur Vidalia, La.-Five dead and several injured. Richland, La.-Four dead and many injured.

Sixty Die in Country. In addition it is estimated that sixty persons were killed in the rural districts to the hospital, and his bill for the week of Northern Louisiana, although these had remained unpaid. But the managecasualties are so scattered and communication so bad they cannot be confirmed. The other towns which were struck by storms, but from which no fatalities are reported, are Amity City, Arcadia, and Independence, in Louisiana; Belle Grove, Landing, Fairchilds Creek, Purvis, and Lumberton, in Mississippi, and two or

three small places in Alabama. Most of the fatalities are among ne groes, from cabins collapsing in the wind and killing or seriously injuring the occupants. There are also many fatalities among the whites,

The cyclone struck Dora, Ala., known also as Burgin, a mining town on the 'Frisco, thirty-five miles from Birmingham, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Four or five persons were killed, among them the wife and daughter of Section Master Moore, About fifty persons were injured. Taken to Hospitals,

The more seriously hurt were taken to hospitals in Birmingham. A Mrs. Culley died on the train. Two other members of the Culley family were badly injured.

Very little mining property was damaged, but C. W. Binn's store and many tenements belonging to Binn and others were demolished; also many cars standing on the siding were blown off the tracks and smashed to pieces.

Relief organizations were formed at once, and the injured are receiving suc-

afternoon and destroyed almost all of the in the history of American soldiery. mill was the first building to go down, lic prints that on April 19 President pany her.

An unconfirmed report gives the death war veterans. list at from thirty to thirty-five, with scores of people injured.

A special train left Birmingham at 7:30 to-night, carrying physicians and State or some cuts government and such qualms. This legal fount of entirely recovered before his marriage to ing in from all directions.

SHIPS AND CREWS LOST.

Press, the government organ here, to-

fishing fleet, including every soul on board, numbering about seventy-five men and boys. On March 27 a number of sailing vessels left St. Malo for Ste. Pierra and the Ste. Pierre banks. All have turned up with the exception of two, and as nothing has been heard or seen of them stood, decided that the bill was law, as happy." since, the fishing interests of Ste. Pierre look upon the two vessels and their hold that perhaps there is some shadow crews being among the early victims of about the bill's validity, but it would be

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GROVER CLEVELAND IMPROVED

Former President Resting Well at Hotel in Lakewood, N. J. Lakewood, N. J., April 24.-Reports

from the Lakewood Hotel, where former President Grover Cleveland is now con fined by an attack of rheumatic gout, Cyclone Sweeps Through say that he is resting comfortably, and was slightly improved to-day.

The hotel authorities were more reticent about giving out any statements today than they have been heretofore.

One nurse came to Lakewood with him from Princeton, and she has remained

She and Mrs. Cleveland are the only persons who are attending him. Dr. Joseph Bryant, the family physician, arprobably stay over Sunday.

It was learned this morning that Dr. Bryant said vesterday that, aside from old age, which undoubtedly has had its effect on Mr. Cleveland, there had been nothing to cause a breakdown, such as has been mentioned in some newspapers. Mrs. Cleveland would not say anything to-day, although she said yesterday that she would probably issue a statement some time to-day. Manager Barry, of the hotel, was also very reticent.

SWANSONS ON SKATES.

Richmond Society Does German on Rollers for Charity's Sake. al to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., April 24.-Richmond's smart set enjoyed a german on roller skates in the big horse show building,

The boxes were sold at good prices and and maids and beaux who aided charity. The dance was led by Miss Louise Boudar and William Dewey Cooke. All him." the participants were on skates and the intricate figures were executed with much grace and spirit. Many of the society girls have been skating in the streets at night in preparation for the carnival tonight and most of those on the floor were ing, when it was announced that the duke

Gov. and Mrs. Swanson led the promenade. There were races and fancy skating contests.

YOUTH TAKES CHLOROFORM.

at St. Regis Attempts to End Life-Will Recover.

New York, April 24.-A young man came to the Hotel St. Regis a week ago and registered as H. G. Foster, of Chicago, and who seemed to have no friends or acquaintances in New York, was found lying on the floor of his room a few minutes before 11 o'clock this morning suffering from a dose of choloroform. He was removed to Flower Hospital, under arrest for attempted suicide, and road to recovery.

Little money was found among the young man's effects after his removal ment of the St. Regis stated that this matter had already been covered.

Melton, Lorman, Pine Ridge, Quitman Mr. Roosevelt Probably Remembered April 19, 1775.

> Signed Widows' Pensions Bill on Sunday, April 19, 1908-Bonaparte Holds Measure Valid.

The God of Battles is no doubt respon sible for it, although other reasons might versary of the battle of Lexington, which was immediately preceded by Mr. Paul Revere's all-night scorch through New England.

It must also be noted that if any one s likely to be partial to the history of the brother of the greatest of Europe's soldiers and the former colonel of the Rough Riders.

With these small, but very germane cor, but Birmingham has been called on President, but who used to be in comstorm struck Albertville at 4 o'clock this make April 19, 1908, another red-letter day news of the duke's death Mrs. Shonts

White House hath said through the pub- Shonts and Miss Marguerite will accomand from there the storm raged in a Roosevelt signed the widows' pension northerly direction, doing much damage bill, which provides for an increase of \$4 his affairs in shape to leave here for an a month to the widows of thousands of indefinite time.

> knowledge, after the Pension Bureau had Miss Shonts. been going on the assumption that all

Sunday, unfortunately, happens to be a non in law-and consequently the Pension Bureau worried unceasingly and feared that it had done things which would not hold water.

Here is where the paternity of Mr. Bonaparte shows. The Pension Bureau, some one else who wanted to know, did he deliberate, but exceedingly well. Perhaps he, too, remembered that April 19 was the anniversary of the pression of her great happiness. We battle of Lexington, and thought how appropriate it would be to have a law learned to like that young fellow. He istrations of President Roosevelt and Gov. which aids the widows of late soldiers of has lots of ability, and I believe that he Hughes, with a strong anti-gambling tions said: America become effective on the an- will make good as a business man; but plank.

first for this nation's independence. At any rate, Mr. Bonaparte, it is undert had been signed, and so informed the Pension Bureau. There are others who

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DE CHAULNES' DEATH TO BE INVESTIGATED

Duke Passed Away After Late Dinner with Guest.

REPORTS ALL CONFLICT

Matin Prints Sensational Article About Him.

Addicted to Morphine for Years. Habit Grew Worse After Marriage Miss Theodora Shonts-Bride Prostrated by the Shock-Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Shonts Will Leave New York for Paris Immediately,

Paris, April 24.-The death of the Duke de Chaulnes will be rigidly investigated by the government authorities.

The report sent out this morning that he had been found dead in bed by his wife, formerly Miss Theodora Shonts, of New York and Washington, is now shown to have been untrue.

The duke, who was living at the Langham Hotel with his wife, had finished which has been converted into a skating a late dinner with a guest, Baron Lepic, at about 10 o'clock Thursday night. The baron left the room for a few moments were well filled with prominent matrons and when he returned, the duchess cried, "Come quickly. Emmanuel has fainted. I don't know what's the matter with

> ounced death due to embolism. First Report Contradicted.

This is the version now given, which had died a natural death in bed, and that his death was not discovered until several hours after, when his wife awoke to find life extinct.

The manager of the Langham Hotel o-night said: "The duke and duchess were preparing to retire last evening. when the duke fell. The duchess believed he had fainted, and summoned help. about twenty-three years of age, who When those present were not able to rehim, a doctor was summoned, who These conflicting reports have thrown an air of mystery about the death, which

is giving rise to sensational rumors. The Matin, in a long article, says that after the duke's marriage, his morphise and cocaine habits, with which it is now past eight years, not only continued, but To this fact is attributed the damand for a rigid investigation, which the police are now making.

Hastened by Use of Morphine. A physician who examined the bedy said death was certainly natural, but that it was hastened by the excessive

The Matin adds that his old creditors rowded around him, seeking payment, only to find an administrator, who, invariably using the same formula, said: "All I can offer you is the homage of my sympathy. I have no funds to pay you." The duke married under a regime of separate property. His personal prop-

Taken to Home of d'Uzes,

The body of the duke has been taken to advice of Representative J. Sloat Fassett, the home of the Duke d'Uzes, on the the local leader, change his vote to the Avenue Van Dyck. Word has been received here that Mr.

and Mrs. Shonts will start immediately

from New York for Paris, to be here for The duchess is prostrated over her be- Washington by Representative Fassett reavement, and refuses to be comforted. was falsified in transmission. The shock has made necessary the at-

tendance of a physician. The duke was married to Miss Shonts in New York, February 15. The wedding trying to defeat his most important meas-

New York, April 24 .- A cablegram announcing the death in Paris of his sonbrave encounters it is the descendant of in-law, the Duc de Chaulnes, reached Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Company, this morring.

The message came from Mrs. John A. Drake, Mr. Shonts' sister-in-law. It gave no particulars, and as letters from the preliminary details, it may be added that duchess, received almost at the same the God of Battles, the relative of Napol- time, told of the perfect health and hapeon and the Mr. Roosevelt, who is now piness of the couple, the news came as a great shock to Mr. and Mrs. Shonts. nand of the First United States Volun- Mrs. Shonts had already booked passage teer Cavairy, all combined together to for Paris for May 20. On receipt of the made arrangements to sail to-morrow on Tradition emanating directly from the the St. Louis, of the American Line, Mr.

Perhaps Mr. Roosevelt forgot that this the slightest idea of what had caused Mr. Shonts said to-day that he had not famous date was this year a Sunday, but the duke's death. The duke, he said, had some legal light in the Pension Bureau suffered from a slight throat trouble while

"The news came as a great shock to things were levely with the new law, all of us," said Mr. Shonts, who was visi- when Senator Cassidy received it the bly affected, and had at first refused to meaning was precisely the reverse of that legal holiday in the United States-a dies received a letter from my daughter who talk about the duke's death. "I had just intended. had also written to her mother and sister. She wrote two or three times a A thorough investigation is now being week and I never read letters which breathed more of happiness.

Willing to Work for Him

had been moved by my daughter's ex- ing is being cleared up. America become character and work for liversary of that day on which men died I'd be willing to get out and work for a man who can make my daughter so "Within a half hour after my con-

versation with my wife, we received the

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Baltimere and Ohio R. R., Every Saturday and Sunday, Alboth ways, both days, except Roy



LAW

Senator Cassidy to Join Antigambling Forces.

learned he had been addicted for the WILL VOTE FOR THE BILLS

Mistake in Telegram Sent from Sender-Telegraph Company Em-

ploye Promptly Dismissed.

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, April 24.-The anti-racetrack gambling bills will be passed at the extra session of the legislature in May. Senator Owen Cassidy, of Schuyler County, one of the eight Republicans who reason to suspect that the message was erry was in no wise increased by his voted against the bills in the regular ses- not genuine sion, will, in response to the overwhelm-

> This change is the result of a most sensational discovery made by Senator message as it was received. Cassidy that a telegram sent to him from

The telegram naturally aroused suspiion that friends of President Roosevelt were working against Gov. Hughes and

During the fight on the anti-race-track from the service. Representative Fasgambling bills Senator Cassidy was one sett said to-day that he would do all he of the few men who refused to take sides, could to right the injustice done Senator When the fight became so close that it Cassidy was apparent a single vote would be de

cisive, the interest in Senator Cassidy's attitude became widespread. On the day of the vote Cassidy received a telegram from Representative Fassett in Washington. He thereupon voted

Telegram Cassidy Got. The telegram that Cassidy received ad showed the message to friends, and the report was immediately spread abroad that the influence of the Federal authori ties was being used to kill the measures Nor did many emphatic disclaimers re leve Albany of this impression. Ever the letter of Representative Cocks, of the President's home district, to Senator Agew, saying that the President was no n view of the Fassett telegram,

But now it turns out that Representa tive Fassett wished Senator Cassidy to stand by Gov. Hughes and support the bills. The telegram was changed some where between the Capitol in Washing

changed in the telegraph office in Washington by the insertion of the word "not." made, and the result will soon be known Roosevelt for Bills. Friends of President Roosevelt who hav

submitted the question of the law's va- that my wife asked if I had received nection with the anti-gambling bills are Congressman Fassett said that resolu-

> No one undertakes to say whether the change in the telegram was made by de sign or by accident. But according to the rumor, the message that Representative Fassett sent contained eighteen by him, but by the convention." words, whereas the message received by

fatal negative presumably being the ex-

Senator Cassidy contained nineteen

Representative Fassett, who was at his to the falsified telegram. "All I care to say about it at this open.

Senator Cassidy to vote against the race-track bills. On the contrary, I advised him to stand by Gov. Hughes."

"Will you advise Senator Cassidy to vote for the bills in the extra session?"
"I certainly shall. It would be a fatal mistake not to pass them."
"Do you believe the bills will pass?"

"Yes, and I would even go farther than the Agnew-Hart measures. I would like to see a bill passed striking at gambling all along the line, particularly at

Operator Inserts "Not."

On the day the vote was taken on the anti-betting bills, and less than half an Coast City Takes at the Washington Caused Solon to Vote hour before the call for the vote, a tele-Wrong Way-J, Sloat Fassett the gram was handed Senator Cassidy, of which the following is an authentic

cepy: Washington, April 8, 1908. The Hon, Owen Cassidy,

on race track bill, owing to condit J. SLOAT FASSETT. The John referred to is Congressman John Dwight, of Tompkins County, which is included in Senator Cassidy's of the fleet's stay in the neighboring senate district. Senator Cassidy had no ports.

Senator Cassidy went to New York, where he met Representative Fassett and asked why he expressed dissatisfaction, at the same time showing the Congressman the original telegram of April 8. Fassett was dumfounded and said that he About 2,000 bluejackets came to town

On returning to Washington he made operator at the Capitol had inserted the

Mr. Fassett has a letter from the Western Union manager at Washington, in people. which he admitted that an operator at the Capitol had made the error and he said

PHOENIX HOTEL AFIRE

Famous Lexington Hostelry Again Threatened by Flames.

Lexington, Ky., April 24.-Fire broke to us," was the one comment. against the bills, and their fate was out in the laundry department of the famous Phoenix Hotel here to-day while most of the guests were at lunch, and for a time it looked as if, for a third time, vised him to vote against the bills. He the building would be reduced to ashes. As it was, however, the flames were scramble was made to get out of the

in 1876 and again a few years later, and interfering in the fight, was without effect two years ago fire destroyed a portion of the northwest corner. It is but a four-story building, but noted through-

PLEDGED TO ROOSEVELT.

New Idea Jersey Republicans Instruct for Third Term.

Jersey City, N. J., April 24.-A lively discussion took place at a meeting of the forget it to his dying day. New Idea Central Republican committee of Hudson County in Elks' Hall, Jersey City, to-night, over a resolution introduced by ex-Mayor Mark Fagan favoring the renomination of President Roosevelt, "I was so much affected by the letter been falsely accused of bad faith in con- with William H. Taft as second choice,

> In pledging the New Idea delegates to the President's renomination, the resolu-

> "We do not doubt the entire sincerity of President Roosevelt's refusal to stand

All advertising contracts made by The They hope there won't be too many Washington Herald are based upon its funerals for Uncle Sam to pay for, but if home in Elmira to-day, was interviewed Washington larger by thousands than was over the long-distance 'phone in regard ever before attained by any morning and only one, to account for it. That reanewspaper at the Capital. Its books are son will be "killed by California hospi open.

Los Angeles Plans to Give Ships Grand Farewell.

bile Trips to Parks, Mountains, and Resorts-Car Service to San Pedro ing-Banquet on the Connecticut.

Los Angeles, April 24.-This town went almost without sleep last night so as to be up early this morning for the last day

to get to the ships before. On the land, there were things doing. was sure that he had not written the early and were pounced upon by committees and bundled into automobiles for a by the revelations on the floor of the day's outing. All the town came out to Senate by Mr. Carter, of Montana, that an investigation and ascertained that an see the men. As fast as the machines could be loaded the men were started off

The boys were taken miles upon miles into the country. They visited the orange arraignment and followed shortly by one groves, the mountain resorts, the club which was even more severe, set not only houses, and were whirled through town the War Department, but the members after town, village after village. Nothing of the House Committee on Public Buildwas too good for them. The machines didn't begin to straggle into town until about dark. Every load got its quota of cheers from the people, who seemed to at the sailors. "That uniform looks good!

All Asked to Eat or Drink.

In town, every bluejacket was snapped up on the street and made to eat or floor of the House, Mr. Bartholdt apdrink something or go somewhere. It pointed a subcommittee of his commitdidn't know the sailor boy. He wore the Bieber grants, and made as full an inuniform and that was enough, and the vestigation as the time has warranted. confined to the basement. The hotel was entire city gave itself up to trying to filled with people, most of them here spoil those bluejackets forever. It was that not only had Bieber secured value attending the running races, and a wild good cheer. It was what "will ye have able land in the District by somewhat all around and sorry you're going to-

> At the various beaches where the divisions of the fleet anchored there were lots of things doing on shore, such as receptions, drills, races, and lunche The Connecticut alone was closed to visluncheon to the representative people of

All the members of the fleet committee and the other committees of the city engaged in giving the officers and sailors a whirl here were on hand. The admiral port that a commission composed of told his guests that the hospitality here was simply overwhelming, and that not

Reassembles To-day,

The fieet will reassemble to-morrov morning in Santa Monica Bay at 7 o'clock. The trolley companies are making ar rangements to start out their fullest service at 4 a. m. It promises to be a bigger crowd there than the one at San Pedro, didity to the Attorney General. Not long any disquicting news. I told her that I glad that an unfortunate misunderstand- J. Franklin Fort, of New Jersey, for Vice put through evolutions for about an hour. The desire to see the ships swing and turn and cut rings in and about one an- District by obscure deals, other is such that to-night bids fair to

> Los Angeles is pretty near winded to rive to-morrow, the citizens say that start such an investigation, will not again as a candidate, but it seems to us there will be something different in the that this is a matter to be determined not way of receptions. The officers and men are somewhat staggered at the prospect but say they will keep going until they meet through the summer,

drop in their tracks. the death rate in the fleet does go up out months.

UNEARTH LAND GRABS IN CAPITAL

Hundreds of Cases Similar to Bieber's Discovered.

COMMISSION WILL PROBE

High Officials of Government to Conduct Investigation.

Public Buildings Bill Reported to House Next Week to Carry Provision for Search Into Passage of Title in Scores of Instances of Nation's Land in District-Will Sit Through Summer-To Pass Easily.

Land-grabbing at the Nation's Capital! While hundreds of Uncle Sam's industrious agents have been scouring the Western country to unearth shady transactions in government territory, right in Washington, under the very nose of Congress and the departments, land-grabbers are asserted to have been active, and to have secured ground which must be worth many millions of dollars.

If the predictions which were made yesterday by members of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds ome true-and there is every reason to believe that they will-Washington bids fair to be convulsed this summer with the choicest investigation which it has witnessed since the Post-office scandal.

Hundreds of cases similar to that of Sidney Bieber-who became possessed of government land on "the mere shadow of a tax title"-have already been unearthed by a Congressional committee, and as yet, perhaps, no one knows where such revelation will stop.

Corporations Gain Control. Not only have private parties, like Bieber, been found to have become possessed of land in strange ways, but corporations in the District have taken similar liberties, and have, as time passed, gained control over the nation's land under the eyes of all the government

sentative Bartholdt, chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, that a provision entailing some such investitgation will be tacked TOWN STAYS UP ALL NIGHT on the omnibus public buildings bill, week.

It was announced yesterday by Repre-

Under this provision a commission con sisting of the Secretary of War, the Attorney General, the chairman of the District Commissioners, and the chairman of Bay Begins at 4 o'Clock This Morn- both the House and Senate committees on Public Buildings and Grounds will be

provided. This commission will investigate to the fullest extent the hundreds of cases in which the government has lost control of lands in the District, with no less reason

than has been shown in the Bieber case. This commission, which is constituted of such high officials-evidently meant to Crowds upon crowds swamped trolley do most serious work-will sit, it is underlines all day. Every kind of a boat that stood, all through the coming summer, could be impressed into service was used and will report to Congress, if possible, to take out, those who had been unable at the opening of the next session. That it will have a wonderful report to make is certain, if the indications are to be

relied upon. Bieber's Efforts Start Probe.

The whole investigation has been caused grants of land to Sidney Bieber, made under a section of the public buildings for the country, and for an hour or more and grounds bill of 1907, were not good the streets were a mass of cheering grants and should be declared void. This declaration of a Senator of the United States, accompanied by a severe

ings and Grounds at work deeply think-Representative Bartholdt declared soon after Mr. Carter's speech that the grant have waited all day just for another look to Bieber, under a bill reported from his ommittee, did not indicate that his committee had been derelict in its consideration of the bill in which the provision for the grant, or conveyance was made. Shortly after this declaration on the

> the War Department and other sources. uncertain title, but that in hundreds of

other cases, almost similar conveyances hare been made.

Find Need for Investigation, After several weeks, in which this work was carried on quietly by the subcomitors, because Admiral Thomas gave a mittee and the War Department, it was decided that a full investigation was absolutely imperative to the government's interests.

This investigation is to be of such im-

high officials must undertake it. After in which to bring about the desired re-sult, it was decided that the commission named should be constituted by a pro-vision in the public buildings bill. The House committee therefore inserted such a provision, and will take the bill on the floor of the House with this in it. There is practically no doubt that the provision will pass with the bill, as it seems certain that no member gress will object to having a full inves-

has been deprived of title to lands in the While the commission will probably be constituted in a comparatively short time, unless some unlooked for change Up at takes place in Congress, the subcom-Santa Barbara, where the fleet will ar- mittee which has already done much to

cease its labors. a commission was that such a body can might be less convenient for this sub committee to be in Washington all throught the remainder of the hot

The subcommittee, however, will con-

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